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**September 24, 2004- 8:30am-UPDATE**

**INCIDENT:** Suspect arrested after assault on officers pronounced dead at hospital

**DATE:** 09/21/04      **TIME:** 4:15pm

**LOCATION:** 750 Franklin Road, Glenbrooke Apartments

**SUSPECT:** Paul Johnson, 19, 12/11/1984, 6'02, 240lbs of Marietta, deceased

Marietta Police Officers responded at approximately 4:00pm to a citizen's call of four subjects dealing drugs at the front of the Glenbrooke Apartments. During the investigation, one of the suspects, Paul Johnson, became physically violent with two Marietta Police Officers. One officer received a split lip and was poked in the eye. The other officer was bit on the hand and possibly suffered a broken hand. The officers called for back-up. After an intense struggle the suspect was placed under arrest. The three other suspects were also arrested. A large quantity of marijuana and cocaine were found in the suspect's possession. EMS personnel were called to the scene to render aid to the officers and suspect. EMS personnel cleared the suspect to be transported to MPD headquarters for further investigation. The three other suspects were also taken to MPD headquarters. Two Marietta Police Officers were taken to Kennestone Hospital for the treatment of injuries. At approximately 5:16pm, Marietta Police officers requested EMS to respond to MPD Headquarters to treat Paul Johnson. Mr. Johnson was taken to Kennestone Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Detectives were requested to respond to assist in the investigation. Three officers were placed on paid administrative leave pending the investigation. They were released from Kennestone Hospital at approximately 11pm. One is a 16-year veteran, one is a 9-year veteran and one is an 8-year veteran of the Department.

The three other suspects were charged with obstruction of police. The Cobb Medical Examiner has taken custody of Mr. Johnson body for an autopsy to determine cause of death. It will be several weeks before the results of a GBI toxicology screen are available. The case remains under investigation internally by the Marietta Police Department Investigative Services Division, the Marietta Police Internal Affairs Division

is handling a separate internal investigation, and an external investigation will be handled by the Cobb District Attorney's Office.

Photo of Paul Johnson



**UPDATE:** September 23, 2004 at 5:00pm-

The Cobb County Medical Examiners office released the following information: A preliminary toxicology screen on Paul Johnson shows the presence of marijuana and cocaine in his system. The Medical Examiner's report states that they found "**no significant injuries that would have caused** (Mr. Johnson's) **death**". The Medical Examiner is still awaiting results of the more conclusive GBI toxicology results.

Chief Bobby Moody stated that the results of the M.E.s report are just part of the investigation. He said that he is anxiously awaiting the results of the Internal Affairs investigation, the Investigative Services investigation, and the District Attorneys investigation. He said when he receives the results he will make a determination as to any additional action necessary.